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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of:
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For: OPTICAL RECORDING/REPRODUCING
APPARATUS WITH APC AND SPS
PROCESSES

Examiner: A. M. Psitos

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION
IN RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

MS AF Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

A. Introduction

The application has been carefully reviewed in light of the rejection dated July 20, 2006. Claims 1-15 are pending in the application. Applicant reserves the right to pursue the original claims and other claims in this and other applications.

B. Allowability of Claim 7

The statement that claim 7 contains allowable subject matter is gratefully acknowledged. Claim 7 stands objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the